(iv) Division Officers/beat Constables keep close watch on the activities of suspected persons indulging in the car jacking.

(v) Police personnel in plain cloths are deployed to collect Intelligence and apprehend the Organized gangs of car jackers.

(vi) Motorcycle patrolling has been intensified near parking area during peak hours.

(vii) Information is exchanged.passed to neighbouring States.

(viii) The data regarding car jackers operating in Delhi with their description and involvement has been compiled and circulated to all Police Stations.

(ix) Decoy vehicles are deployed to lay traps to apprehend car jackers.

(x) Information of stolen/recovered Cars is also being exchanged through Delhi Police Web-site.

(xi) Short Messaging Service has been introduced by Crime Branch in Delhi to facilitate recovery/linking to stolen vehicles.

(xii) Pickets have been put all over Delhi and the staffs deployed to regular checking of vehicles. They also keep a record of vehicles stolen/hijacked.

(xiii) Zonal Integrated Police Network started with border District of Haryana, U.P. & Rajasthan for on-line exchange of information regarding crime including car-jackers.

(xiv) Frequently appeals have been made with public to install anti jacking/thefts devices in their vehicle to avoid car jacking.

(xv) PCR Vans have also been directed to keep sharp vigil while performing their duties.

Hiring patrol boats to police territorial waters

3929. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has asked the coastal States to hire patrol boats to police territorial waters;

(b) whether the Centre would fund the project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of Central assistance that has so far been given to Orissa Government under the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government had reuqested 9 costal State and 4 Union Territories to hire patrol boats for polecing coastal waters. States were requested to bear the hiring charges, while the actual POL charges on this account are borne by Ministry of Home Affairs. But, the States and UTs have not shown their willingness to bear the cost of hiring of boats.

(d) Under the Coastal Security Scheme, the total approved outlay for Government of Orissa is Rs. 2722.50 lakhs. The State Government has been released an amount of Rs. 83.37

lakhs against the 50% construction cost of 5 coastal police stations during the year 2005-06 only.

Rangnath Mishra Commission Report

3930. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to table Ranganath Mishra Commission report;

(b) if so, whether they are going to table it in the current Budget Session; and

(c) if not, the reasons and difficulties for not tabling it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) Based on the inputs as made available by Ministry of Minority Affairs, the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) chaired by Justice (Retd.) Ranganath Mishra, submitted its report to the Government in May, 2007. The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration. Decision to table the report in Parliament has not yet been taken by the Government.

Legislation to tackle the hostile witnesses

3931. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the accused persons involved in heinous crimes get acquitted on account of hostile witnesses in the court;

(b) if so, the whether Government proposes to bring forward any legislation to tackle the hostile witnesses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when that legislation is likely to be brought forward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) Data regarding hostile witnesses is not being maintained. However, to ensure reliability of witness during deposition in court and also to contain the menace of witnesses turning hostile, the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2006 has, *inter alia*, a proposal to insert new sections 164B and 344A in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 to provide that the statements of all persons which appear to be material and essential for proper investigation of the case relating to offences punishable with death or imprisonment for ten years or more shall be recorded on oath by Magistrate who will also satisfy himself that such person is making the statement voluntarily and not under any inducement, threat or promise and also to enhance the punishment for perjury after the summary trial.

No time-frame can be fixed for enactment of the legislation.